

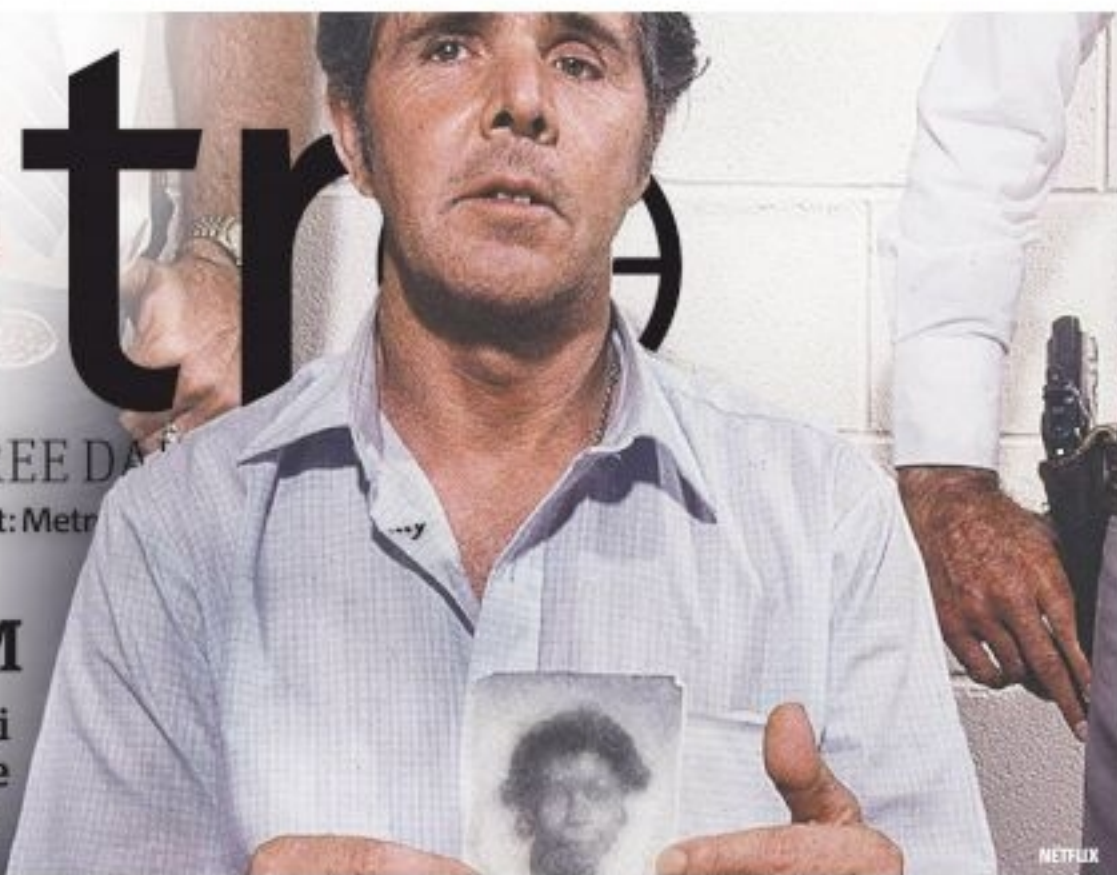
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U.S. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-CA) addresses Capitol Hill reporters ahead of a committee vote on its findings in the impeachment inquiry into U.S. President Donald Trump, during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S. on December 3, 2019. REUTERS

Democrats accuse Trump of abusing power, obstructing impeachment

Matter will pass to the House Judiciary Committee on Wed.

U.S. President Donald Trump solicited foreign interference to boost his chances of re-election next year, undermined national security and ordered an "unprecedented" campaign to obstruct Congress, Democrats said in a report on Tuesday that will form the basis of any formal impeachment charges against Trump.

In a 300-page report that alleged sweeping abuse of power, the Democratic-led House of Representatives Intelligence Committee said Trump had used U.S. military aid and the prospect of a White House visit to pressure his Ukrainian counterpart to undertake probes that would benefit Trump politically.

The Republican president "placed his own personal and political in-

terests above the national interests of the United States, sought to undermine the integrity of the U.S. presidential election process, and endangered U.S. national security," the report said.

Democrats, who began the formal impeachment inquiry in September, also accused Trump of an "unprecedented" effort to obstruct the investigation, including refusing to provide documents and testimony from his top advisers, unsuccessful attempts to block career government officials from testifying and intimidation of witnesses.

"The evidence of the President's misconduct is overwhelming, and so too is the evidence of his obstruction of Congress," it said, adding that the wrongdoing was "not an isolated occurrence."

In a news conference following the release of the report, House In-

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House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff

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Trump, who is in London for a NATO summit, has denied any wrongdoing and accused Democrats of using the impeachment process to overturn the results of the 2016 presidential election. Opinion polls show Americans are bitterly divided over whether to impeach Trump.

White House spokeswoman Stephanie Grish-

am said House Democrats had conducted a "one-sided sham process" that had failed to produce any evidence of wrongdoing by Trump.

"This report reflects nothing more than their frustrations. Chairman Schiff's report reads like the ramblings of a basement blogger straining to prove something when there is evidence of nothing," Grisham said in a statement.

After a House Intelligence Committee vote at 6 p.m. EST Tuesday, the matter will then go to the House Judiciary Committee, which will open its proceedings on Wednesday. REUTERS

Officer stabbed, student shot at Wisconsin high school

2 A Wisconsin high school student on Tuesday stabbed a school resource officer, who responded by shooting the teenager, police said, in the second such incident over the last two days in the state. Oshkosh West High School, about 85 miles north of Milwaukee, was put on lockdown after the altercation, Oshkosh Chief of Police Dean Smith said during a news conference. Smith said the

student wounded the officer with an "edged" weapon. The officer then fired his gun, shooting the 16-year-old once. Both the student and officer, who were not identified by police, were taken to the hospital where they were being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, Smith said. Smith did not disclose a possible motive. Hours later, the school's 1,700 students were reunited with their parents. REUTERS

Billie Eilish dominates 2019 on Apple Music

3 Newcomer Billie Eilish dominated Apple Music streams in 2019, scoring the top streamed album of the year with "When We Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?," Apple Music said on Tuesday. Eilish, 17, who burst onto the alternative pop scene this year and is nominated for four Grammy Awards in January, came 5th on the list of most streamed songs, with "Bad Guy," Apple Music said in a year-end



list. Eilish's "Bad Guy" single also came top of the most Shazamed songs of 2019, the music recognition app owned by Apple said. REUTERS

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Commuters use Walmart shopping carts as a makeshift seat while waiting at a bus stop in Northwest Philly in April 2018.

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SEPTA gets grant to help next phase of boulevard direct service

Phase B will be finished by 2022.



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SEPTA has been awarded a \$2 million federal grant to move forward with expanding direct bus services to Hunting Park Ave.

The funding came courtesy of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program.

It will let SEPTA design and build Phase B of its Boulevard Direct bus service. It will also provide high-frequency, limited-stop service between Wissahickon Transportation Center and Frankford Transportation Center. The expansion of service will be along the southern portion of Roosevelt Blvd. and along Hunting Park and Ridge

phila, and we are pleased with the tremendous success of the first phase of Direct Bus service along Roosevelt Boulevard."

The original project started in October 2017 as part of the Route for Change project. It was also part of SEPTA's network optimization plans. The previous funding allowed for the new Direct Bus stations at six locations on Roosevelt Blvd., including a direct connection to Hunting Park Station on the Broad Street Line.

Within the first two years, Boulevard Direct Service (Phase A) from Frankford Transportation Center to the Neshaminy Mall reduced travel times and increased ridership. SEPTA hopes for similar results. Phase B should be in place by the end of 2022.

Additionally, each stop on the route will be ADA compliant with regard to curbs and ramps.

"I congratulate SEPTA on receiving this funding award to fully realize Direct Bus connections from the Hunting Park Station on the Broad Street Line to Wissahickon Transportation Center in Northwest Philadelphia."

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Mayor Kenney said in a press release, "I congratulate SEPTA on receiving this funding award to fully realize Direct Bus connections from the Hunting Park Station on the Broad Street Line to Wissahickon Transportation Center in Northwest Philadelphia."

Kenney added, "In CONNECT: Philadelphia's Strategic Transportation Plan, we've committed to transforming bus service in Philadel-

It will also have new amenities such as landscaping, benches, lighting, real-time information, new plazas and bus shelters.

SEPTA General Manager Jeffrey D. Knueppel said in a press release, "Boulevard Direct Phase B will reduce travel times and increase service reliability between two vital transportation centers, and we look forward to working with the City to launch this valuable service for our customers."

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U.S. Senator Kamala Harris ends 2020 presidential bid



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U.S. Senator Kamala Harris ended her 2020 presidential bid on Tuesday, abandoning a campaign that began with promise for a rising Democratic Party star but faltered as she struggled to raise money and make a compelling case for her candidacy.

Her departure further narrows the field of White House contenders exactly two months before voting begins in Iowa, the first nominating contest, and gives her rivals a chance to court Harris' supporters in their final bids to shore up the nomination.

Harris, 55, the only minority woman in the race, would have been the first woman and second black U.S. president if elected next November.

The senator from California positioned herself as a unifying candidate who could energize the party's base of young, diverse progressives while also appealing to more moderate voters.

Yet after climbing into double digits in opinion polls following a strong debate performance in June, Harris slid out of the top tier in recent months and lagged behind leading candidates' fundraising hauls.

"I've taken stock and looked at this from every angle, and over the last few days have come to one of the hardest decisions of my life," Harris said in an email to supporters on Tuesday. "My campaign for president simply doesn't have the financial resources we need to continue."

Harris finished September with \$9 million in cash, according to finance disclosures her campaign filed. By comparison, Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren had nearly \$26 million at that point.

Harris' campaign recently began showing signs of trouble, including stagnant fundraising and public complaints by former staffers that her staff was being treated poorly.

"She just hasn't quite satisfactorily answered the 'what makes you better than the other candidates' question," said a longtime aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "That's the underlying biggest thing. She hasn't quite sufficiently explained her rationale for herself."

\$9M

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Joel Payne, an African-American strategist who worked for Democrat Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential campaign, said Harris failed to find her own identity as she tried to own the space on the political spectrum between progressives such as U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and Warren and moderates such as former Vice President Joe Biden.

"I think she probably ended up alienating both" camps, he said.

Harris was polling badly in her home state of California — which will vote on "Super Tuesday" in March, an early important election day when 16 states will hold primary contests.

Payne said Harris exited the race at the right time before potentially embarrassing losses.

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"We need Greta in here with all that force," commented Carolina Schmidt.

Teen activist Greta Thunberg reached Europe on Tuesday after a 21-day catamaran dash across the Atlantic for a United Nations summit where she will invoke the fury of global youth at politicians' foot-dragging over climate change.

"People are underestimating the force of angry kids," the Swede told a crowd of reporters and supporters as she disembarked from a white catamaran, La Vagabonde, in Portugal.

"They're angry and frustrated."

The prospect of another fiery intervention by the 16-year-old, whose ability to stare down politicians has inspired a global protest movement, electrified younger delegates at the international climate talks underway in neighboring Spain.

Since staging a solitary

protest outside the Swedish parliament more than a year ago, Thunberg has channeled the anger felt by millions of teenagers saddled with the prospect of an escalating climate crisis their parents failed to avert.

In September, she carried her message to a one-day climate summit at the United Nations in New York, furiously telling leaders "you have stolen my dreams," before sailing back to Europe for the latest round of talks.

Thunberg was due to spend the rest of Tuesday meeting activists in Portugal before departing for Madrid, where the negotiations are being held in a series of hangar-like halls.

Carolina Schmidt, environment minister of Chile, which is chairing the negotiations, said she hoped Thunberg's presence would galvanize more ambitious commitments by governments at talks aimed at bolstering the 2015 Paris Agreement to avert catastrophic temperature increases.

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Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg arrives in Lisbon, Portugal on December 3, 2019, after crossing the Atlantic from Hampton, Virginia in a catamaran to attend a UN climate change summit in Madrid. The climate summit, which opened Monday and runs to December 13, brings together representatives of some 200 signatory nations to the 2015 Paris accord.

Elon Musk goes on trial in U.S. for defamation over 'pedo guy' tweet



Elon Musk.

REUTERS

Tesla boss Elon Musk is set to go on trial on Tuesday after he described a British cave explorer who helped rescue a group of boys from a cave complex in Thailand as a pedophile on Twitter.

Vernon Unsworth, who played a leading role in the recovery of the 12 boys and their soccer coach from Tham Luang Nang Non cave in July 2018, has said Musk falsely labeled him a "pedo guy" on Twitter.

He says Musk, whose Twitter habits have long been under a microscope, should pay punitive and other damages for harming his reputation.

29.8M

With 29.8 million followers, Elon Musk's Twitter account is a major source of publicity for his Palo Alto, California-based electric car company, which does not advertise.

The trial before U.S. District Judge Stephen Wilson in Los Angeles is scheduled to last about five days. Musk is expected to testify in his own defense. He has apologized for the remark.

While the case does not involve Tesla, investors and regulators have expressed concerns about the accuracy of his tweets.

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The Unsworth case is among the last issues hanging over Musk from a turbulent 2018 and early 2019, when he regularly clashed with Wall

Street and short sellers as Tesla struggled with production problems.

The episode began after Musk offered a mini-submarine from his SpaceX rocket company to help with the cave rescue.

Unsworth told CNN on July 13, 2018, three days after the rescue was completed, that the offer was a "PR stunt" and that Musk could "stick his submarine where it hurts."

Two days later, Musk lashed out at Unsworth in a series of tweets, including one which called him a "pedo guy." Musk later apologized for that comment.

Unsworth has denied Musk's accusations.

To win the defamation case, Unsworth needs to show that Musk was negligent, which does not require an intent to defame.

He must prove the tweets were false, that Musk did not use reasonable care to determine if they were true, and that people reasonably understood them to mean he was a pedophile.

The case against Musk got a boost when Wilson last month said Unsworth's sudden fame from the rescue did not make him a "public figure," meaning he did not need to show that Musk acted with "actual malice" when posting his tweets.

Lawyers for Musk have said the tweets were opinion, not statements of fact, and that Unsworth knew of no one who thought he was a pedophile based on them.

They have also said Unsworth sought to profit from his role in the rescue and provoked Musk's response by suggesting on CNN that Musk did not care about the lives of the trapped boys. REUTERS

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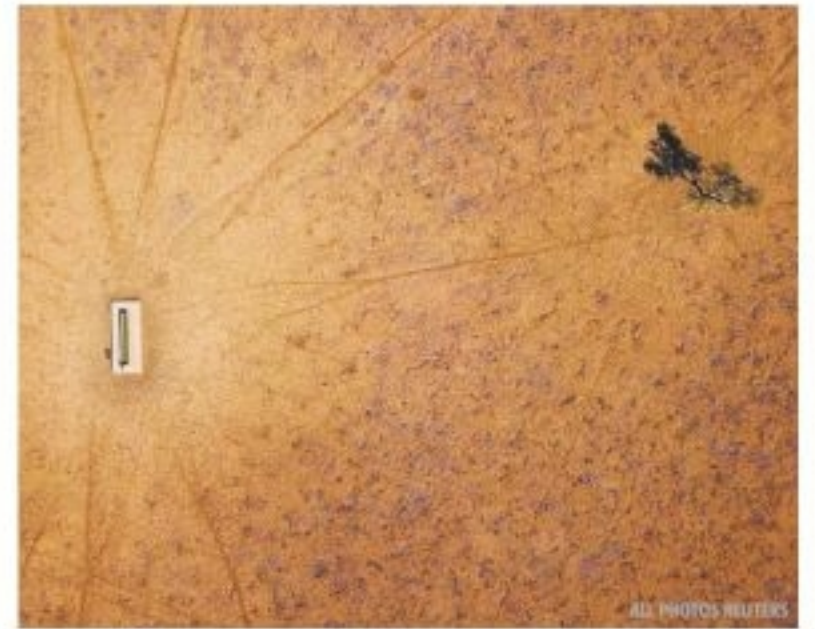
A demonstrator looks at a riot policeman during a protest marking the country's 1973 military coup in Santiago, Chile on September 11, 2016.



Smoke billows as fire engulfs the spire of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France on April 15, 2019.



Displaced people from the minority Yazidi sect, fleeing violence from forces loyal to the Islamic State in Sinjar town, walk towards the Syrian border, on the outskirts of Sinjar mountain, near the Syrian border town of Elerbeh of Al-Hasakah Governorate, Iraq. August 11, 2014.



A lone tree stands near a water trough in a drought-affected paddock located on the outskirts of Walgett, in New South Wales, Australia on July 20, 2018.

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Facebook's Holiday Pop-Up launched on Giving Tuesday to highlight the Military Mama Network

Dedicated to supporting veterans and their families, Geriann Wiesbrook's group was founded in 2013 and has grown to over 16,000 members. This holiday season, Facebook is partnering with Military Mamas to help raise funds and support. GETTY IMAGES



1 Military Mamas founder Geriann Wiesbrook poses at the Facebook Holiday Pop-Up in SoHo, Manhattan on December 3, 2019 in New York City.

2 Signs and tablets encourage visitors to donate.

3 The entrance to the Facebook Holiday Pop-Up in SoHo.

4 Deluxe hot chocolate is served at the Facebook Holiday Pop-Up.

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'Indiana Jones' scientists collect seeds in wild for climate change fight



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Braving perils from blood-sucking leeches to tigers and using transport as basic as elephants, scientists have journeyed like "Indiana Jones" to remote locations to collect wild cousins of crop seeds in a project to help tackle climate change.

A report released on Tuesday presented the results of a six-year quest to collect thousands of wild seeds that could play an important role in feeding a rising global population at a time when global warming is jeopardizing crop production.

Traveling by foot, four-wheel drive, canoe, horse and even elephant to reach remote corners of the world, more than 100 scientists secured 4,644 seed samples of 371 wild relatives - many endangered - of 28 globally important crops.

"The expeditions were not a walk in the park. They were perilous at times, and physically demanding, with heat, dust, sweat and danger from wild animals - from blood-sucking leeches to tigers," said Hannes Dempewolf, senior scientist and the head of global initiatives at the Crop Trust.

"The stories these seed collectors brought back from the field often resemble scenes from an Indiana Jones movie."

The project, managed by the Crop Trust in part-

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Hannes Dempewolf, Crop Trust

nership with the Royal Botanic Gardens and Kew's Millennium Seed Bank (MSB) and with Norwegian funding, is the most ambitious coordinated global effort yet to collect and conserve crops' wild relatives.

Scientists that took part in the seed quest came from 25 countries in four continents.

The sturdier cousins of widely grown crops have evolved to survive harsh conditions such as low rainfall, flooding, temperature extremes and poor soils, and offer a largely untapped source of diversity for climate-proofing crops.

Crops have been threatened by extinction due to rampant deforestation, climate change, urban sprawl and conflict, and losing this diversity could endanger global food security.

"Bananas are a great example of a crop that is potentially threatened because of increasing incidents of disease and

we've been through this before," said project manager Chris Cockel.

"In the post-war period the banana (that) people were familiar with was virtually wiped out by a disease that is now making inroads again. So it's important to use the seed material...to breed back in the lost genetic traits that will help to make bananas more resistant to that particular disease."

Food supplies are under severe threat, according to a United Nations report, given the number of animal and plant species fast disappearing as the world grapples with how to feed a soaring population.

At the same time people are relying on fewer species for food, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, leaving production susceptible to shocks like pests or disease, droughts and other extreme weather linked to climate change.

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Aries Refuse to succumb to negativity. If someone close to you is feeling down, be the one who inspires him or her to keep going. You will benefit as well.



Taurus Look for adventure and friends who want to share the excitement with you. Someone unique will find his or her way into your heart. Explore what life has to offer.



Gemini Keep your plans secret until you have everything in place. If you are too quick to share, someone will steal your idea or try to take command. Protect your reputation.



Cancer Travel and educational pursuits will enlighten you. Look for a unique opportunity to put your skills to work for you. A positive change is heading your way. Romance is in the stars.



Leo Financial gain will depend on how you manage your spending habits. Resist temptation and don't try to buy favors or make an impression on someone with lavish gifts.



Virgo A change will be useful for you. Visit a place you've never been before and expose yourself to something you've never previously experienced. Be open to making new friends.



Libra Organize your time and set up a routine that will help you bring about a positive personal change. Do your best to ease stress and make room for what's important to you.



Scorpio Enjoyment and satisfaction should be your focus. Don't put the blame elsewhere when you should be making the adjustments needed to achieve your dreams. Romance is encouraged.



Sagittarius Stop others from infringing on your time, space or accomplishments. Make situations fit your needs and ask whoever gets in your way to pitch in and help.



Capricorn Keep going; you are so close to winning. With a little help from loved ones, you can beat any challenge you face. Romance will enhance your day.



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Who lives in a pineapple under the sea? Well from now until Dec. 15, Lorenzo Pugliese does. The University of the Arts graduate is taking on the leading role of arguably one of the most iconic cartoon characters, SpongeBob SquarePants, and all Bikini Bottom loving fans are certainly in for a treat. "The SpongeBob Musical" will feature all of the show's beloved characters (although actors will not be in costumes, but performing as 'human' performers) and an all-new storyline that



Catch "The SpongeBob Musical" at The Forrest Theatre. JEREMY DANIEL

has never been seen before on TV. The smash hit production also features an original pop and rock-infused musical score from an impressive lineup of Grammy Award-winning songwriters including Steven Tyler, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend and more. Lorenzo Pugliese sat down with Metro to chat about the show, how he prepared for the role

and what song he's most excited to perform as SpongeBob SquarePants.

How did you get the role of SpongeBob? What made you want to play him?

"SpongeBob" was one of my favorite shows growing up, and when the musical came out, a lot of my friends told me I'd be good for the role, so I

went to the open call!

What did you do to prepare for the role?

All I really needed to do was take direction from our incredibly brilliant creative team. They've done all of the groundwork, and they did all of the preparation.

Do you feel any pressure bringing such a beloved

and well-known character to life on stage?

Of course there is a little bit of pressure being that SpongeBob is probably as iconic as it gets when it comes to cartoon characters.

it's announced that Mt. Humongous (a giant volcano) is set to erupt the following evening. The stakes couldn't be higher. But there's also a whole lot of fun.

What can audiences expect from the music from the show?

They can expect an incredible roster of legends and Grammy Award-winning artists such as Yolanda Adams, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Brendon Urie, T.I., Lady Antebellum, The Flaming Lips and more.

Is there any scene or song you are the most excited to perform?

I love to sing "I Guess I Miss You." It's a beautifully honest song about two best pals realizing what it's like to miss each other for the first time, written by the one and only John Legend.

Catch "The SpongeBob Musical" on stage at the Forrest Theatre now until Dec. 15.



Lorenzo Pugliese
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Does the plot of the show follow any storylines from the TV series or is it a completely new story?

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A perfect storm of unbelievable circumstances

Filmmakers Robert Kenner and Taki Oldham talk the insane story of false serial killer Henry Lee Lucas.



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What happens when a murder is closed? More times than not, most people are happy with that result, it brings a sense of relief to the victim's family and makes community members feel safe knowing a violent criminal is behind bars. But what if the killer behind bars didn't really commit the crime, even after a confession? It sounds pretty crazy right? But that has happened, hundreds of times — and that's just counting false



Henry Lee Lucas (center) being escorted by Ranger Bob Prince (left) and task force.
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confessions from one man. "The Confession Killer" examines the psychological phenomenon behind Henry Lee Lucas, who in 1983 began a confession spree claiming to be the culprit behind upwards of 600 murders. Now, the once-deemed

worst serial killer in the country is proving to be nothing more than a man who had a knack for lying and a desire to please. Filmmakers Robert Kenner and Taki Oldham teamed up to uncover the almost unbelievable story behind Lucas and sat

down with Metro to give more insight on the insanely unhinged tale that is quite frankly stranger than fiction.

What initially drove you both to make this docu-series about Henry Lee Lucas?

TO: I had seen a true-crime documentary back in 2014, and it posed the question that if Lucas didn't kill all of these people, then who did? Way back then it was seen as an unanswerable question. DNA evidence has since come around, and sure enough, there have now been some isolated cases that no one was linking. There was a case here or a case there where DNA was actually finding the real killer, so to me, it felt like an opportunity to tell a new chapter of this story and start to get some answers. From there I did a bit of research and spoke to Robbie who saw this as a much bigger story.

RK: What I thought was so fascinating, with each case they would say "Oh, we got it wrong and it wasn't Henry." But they

didn't put together that dozens of cases turned out to not be Henry. So there's a question that we were putting together that no one else was, which is how could this have happened? Here is the worst serial killer in US history, and yet every case is proving that Henry didn't do it. We just found that fascinating. Combine that with the conversations we had with victim's family members and the pain that they're going through of not being able to determine who really killed their loved ones, and there really is just an amazing series here. We spent about a year and a half on it before Netflix got involved, so it was about five years in the making. We got some incredible footage and everyone that we spoke to remembered this as

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Was there anything that completely took you by surprise while working on this project?

TO: I was really shocked the whole way.

RK: Everything was shocking, it's a jaw-dropping story. We had all this footage of this murderer who murdered hundreds of people sitting in the sheriff's office, answering the telephone, drinking coffee and with no handcuffs on — something looked wrong. The story was constantly surprising us and riveting us. It's a story you don't normally get to tell. It goes beyond just being about a serial killer, it's about a system and the psychology behind how this happened.

Both Henry Lee Lucas and [Sheriff] Jim Boutwell have passed away, is there a part of you that wishes you had the opportunity to speak to them?

RK: On some levels, we have as much of Henry



Joyce Lemons, mother of alleged Lucas victim Debbie Sue Williamson, holding her daughter's high school graduation photo.

as you could ever really need. We had hours and hours more, so I feel like Henry's voice comes through loud and clear. I think on other levels that's true of Boutwell too. What's interesting about Boutwell is that every one of his cases was overturned. Henry did not commit one of the five cases that Boutwell said he did, that's a bad record to have been proven. In the series, Bob Prince did not like that we were treating Boutwell badly, he even said he wished Boutwell were here to defend himself.

TO: If I could ask Boutwell one question, I'd be interested to ask him if he would do anything

differently or what he would think about things now, given what happened with DNA. Even after Lucas had recanted and evidence had come out, he never changed his story. Would we hear anything different from him? I tend to think not.

RK: We did ask Bob Prince if he would do anything differently, and he said no. I can totally understand how Boutwell and Prince were fooled by Lucas, but I am concerned that he may think we shouldn't do anything differently today with no desire to re-open anything. It's not easy to re-open cases. When you have a closed case in your department you

look good, but when you have a case that you really didn't solve, you still owe it to constituents to find the truth.

Why do you think there were so many miscarriages of justice involved with this story?

TO: I think it was the perfect storm, you have a guy who for whatever reason decided to tell the world that he was the worst serial killer to ever live. You then have a police agency who was willing to believe him, and you have hundreds of other police and family members all over the country who just wanted cases solved and were probably a little too willing to believe it.

RK: Henry had an IQ of 87, but there was also something about Henry that was really smart and very convincing — plus he liked to please. Boutwell wanted to find a murderer and Henry was happy to play the role. It's not that we're uncovering a great conspiracy, we're looking at a psychological drama that we found incredibly fascinating.

"The Confession Killer" drops on Netflix on Dec. 6.

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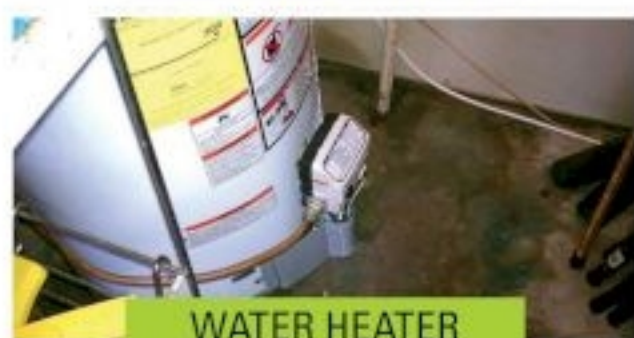
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Coffee for the people

Saxbys recently opened their first roastery, launching an extensively impressive new coffee program.



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Coffee is an essential part of most people's mornings, and although America may run on Dunkin', Philly runs on Saxbys. The popular chain is all over the city with locations in Rittenhouse, Center City, on a few college campuses and even in New Jersey. Saxby's newest location in Point Breeze just recently opened its doors — but this venue is not a typical Saxbys cafe.

Saxbys now has its first

roastery in Philadelphia, and with the impressive new facility comes an all-new coffee program helping to project the popular chain's mission, "Make Life Better." According to Saxbys founder and CEO Nick Bayer, the coffee company has always been highly focused on the people and purpose aspect of the business and now it's time to elevate the product portion beyond the already-tasty blends Saxbys has been known to previously serve.

"We're known for our mission core values and for our culture and we've attracted all of this talent," says Bayer. "But I knew that we were ready to be as fanatical about our product as we are about our purpose and people."

To get to the next level, Saxbys hired vice presi-

dent of coffee David Amos to achieve that exceptional status and bring the new roasting program to life. Amos has been in the coffee business for over a decade in both the sourcing and origin side, and also the wholesale side of the biz. What the coffee connoisseur was looking for was a new challenge, and like a perfectly mixed blend of coffee, Amos and Bayer merged for a delicious result with the new roastery program.

"I was looking for a new challenge and this one was significant," says Amos. "I wanted to do something a little bit different using the skill set that I had developed over the years and also get involved in something brand new. Saxbys was serving coffee every day that they felt good about,



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but wanted to elevate and also have a connection to the coffee. I proposed to Nick right off the bat that we would only serve coffee that I've gone and sourced at the origin and from someone that we have a relationship with on the ground for every single coffee we serve. That's actually more of a challenge than you would think, it really holds us to strict guidelines for sourcing. With our size and scope, almost nobody else is doing what we're

doing."

Amos has traveled to nine different countries to find the perfect contacts on the ground and also the ideal coffee to bring back to Philadelphia. Both Amos and Bayer love that aspect of the new program; their new roastery even has a map on the wall of the world with pictures connected to the areas they have gone, highlighting memories from each trip. On each coffee excursion also came new friendships formed, for-

tifying yet again Saxbys' mission to truly be a business for the people.

"Our culture has always been about people," says Bayer. "I think that it's pretty easy in the coffee business to purely look at it from the product side, but we took a different angle to that. We understand our consumers, and we wanted to travel the world and find them an even better product that we think they are going to love even more than the one that they were drink-

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of dark chocolate, maple and vanilla; the Go-Getter Espresso with notes of burnt caramel, honey and black tea; and the No Strings Decaf with notes of baker's chocolate, nougat and soft cranberry.

Although both Bayer and Amos are vehemently excited about the state of Saxbys new program and roastery at this time, they also see the future for the company as being brighter than ever.

"I think right now we're on a really great

track, it's just about expanding," says Amos. "We want to continue to do what we're doing, but even more. We're excited to potentially put some custom blends together and reward our partners at origin with more and more product that we can buy from them. It's just all very exciting, and we now have the ability to do that."

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It's the most wonderful time of year for betting on sports with pro and college football still in full swing and with the NBA and NHL just getting underway. This past weekend, a New Jersey bettor won huge while betting the NFL through DraftKings as his bet on the Texans +4 against the Patriots cashed for a whopping \$452,000.

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Our pre-season NBA Futures pick for MVP was Lakers big man Anthony Davis, but it's looking now like LeBron James will split the vote in Los Angeles. Davis still has the fourth most favorable odds (LeBron is third) at tinyurl.com/yxn7h73s and could surge ahead if LeBron misses any time this season due to injury or load management (neither of which would be shocking for the 34-year-old).

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Kawhi Leonard +2200
Joel Embiid +3300
Nikola Jovic +3300
Paul George +4000
Damian Lillard +5000

Again, we're looking for value here – so we're going to avoid Giannis and Luka Doncic here. With the exception of the

season in which Russell Westbrook took home the award in 2017 this is an award which rewards the best player on one of the top regular season teams in the league. Doncic likely won't get the Mavericks to the high 50s in terms of season wins, so he's a stay-away.

Giannis' won the award last year, in large part to the Bucks having

the best record in the NBA at 60-22. The Bucks are again off to a fast start at 18-3, but the good money says they'll come back to Earth at some point. Plus, as good as their record is there are five teams in the East within 4.5 games of them for the top seed (Raptors, Heat, Celtics, Sixers, Pacers).

It's a good idea to look

TWEET OF THE DAY



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SEC Championship Game line has ticked all the way up to LSU -7.5 at some sportsbooks. The Tigers opened as low as -4 vs. Georgia.

toward one of the early season's underachievers for value, and Joel Embiid actually looks like a good value candidate here at +3300.

Embiid should get his scoring average up to where it was last season (27.5 points per game in 2018-19, 22.4 points per game so far in 2019-20), and the Sixers are too good to NOT go on an eight or nine game winning streak soon.

Get Embiid at +3300 while you can.

Best bets

NFL Week 14 betting: Redskins at Packers

The Redskins carry a two-game win streak into this tilt with a shaky-looking Packers squad. Bettors should gladly take the points with the big underdog here. The Redskins' running game has been carrying the freight as Washington continues to break in rookie Dwayne Haskins under center. Derrius Guice tallied 129 yards and two TDs in a victory over the Panthers last week while

Adrian Peterson added another 99 yards on the ground. The 'Skins should have no problem establishing the rush against Green Bay's shoddy run stoppers (25th by yards allowed per game). Meanwhile, the Packers' Aaron Jones has struggled out of the backfield of late, mustering an average of just 49.2 rushing yards per game over his last five contests. Washington's run stoppers have struggled for



most of 2019, but they did hold Christian McCaffrey and company to 65 yards last week. Aaron Rodgers could have a tough time moving the ball through the air against the Redskins' respectable 15th-rated pass defense. Bettors should note that Washington is 3-1 against the spread in their last four games as a double-digit underdog.

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Eagles defensive regression concerning

After two promising weeks, the Eagles' secondary was torched by the Dolphins.



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On Sunday afternoon down at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, it appeared as if the clock struck midnight on the Philadelphia Eagles' Cinderella secondary.

After keeping star quarterbacks Tom Brady and Russell Wilson in check over the previous two games, the Eagles' defense was torched by Dolphins journeyman quarterback Ryan Fitz-

patrick.

The 15-year vet, who also had success against this same Eagles' secondary last season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, completed 69 percent of his passes for 365 yards, three touchdowns and an interception.

The Eagles' defense also allowed the Dolphins to score a touchdown on five straight possessions.

Fitzpatrick was picking apart an improving Eagles pass defense with the likes of wide receiver DeVante Parker and tight end Mike Gesicki.

Parker had a career day with seven receptions (10 targets) for 159 yards and two touchdowns. The former first-round pick made a

leaping touchdown reception over Eagles cornerback Ronald Darby in the first quarter and was an overall matchup problem for Philadelphia.

Gesicki, however, gave Eagles cornerback Jalen Mills issues en route to a five-reception, 79-yard performance, including a touchdown.

According to NFL Next Gen Stats, Mills allowed six receptions for 102 yards, two touchdowns and a 144.4 passer rating against Dolphins wide receiver.

Darby struggled too, giving up four receptions for 101 yards, a touchdown and a 109.7 passer rating. The former Florida State defensive back also had an

interception to begin the game, but that did not matter in the grand scheme of things.

That being said, it seemed as if the Eagles' pass defense saw their shadow like Punxsutawney Phil and decided to play six weeks of bad defense.

If you do not remember, the Philadelphia Eagles defense was in bad shape throughout the first six weeks of the season. Despite the run defense shutting down opposing teams' running backs, sometimes holding them to under 50 rushing yards, it was the pass defense getting lit up by opposing wide receivers weekly.

In their first six games, Philadelphia's

pass defense allowed six wide receivers to surpass the 100-yard receiving mark. Also, during that same time, opposing quarterbacks were completing 64.2 percent of their passes.

However, there was only so much that Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz could do without Ronald Darby and Jalen Mills. Schwartz tried blitzing more in certain situations to give his secondary some help, but that did not work most times.

Without Mills and Darby, the Eagles leaned on the cornerback combination of Rasul Douglas, Avonte Maddox, Sidney Jones, Orlando Scandrick and Craig James.

Douglas and Jones, in particular, tried to hold down things on the outside. But they were outmatched by the wide receivers they were covering and also not put in great situations to succeed.

With all that being said, where does the Eagles' pass defense go from here?

Will they play like how they did against the Seahawks and Patriots over these last four games? Or will they return to their old form, which reared its ugly head last Sunday?

It's tough to say, but if they do not improve, then the Eagles' chances to make the playoffs will be a long-forgotten afterthought.

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With Franco, Hernandez gone, what next for Phils' infield?

The Phillies parted ways with two long-time infielders on Monday.



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Monday night spelled the end of two of the longest-tenured Phillies' careers in Philadelphia as the organization opted not to extend contract offers to second baseman Cesar Hernandez and third baseman Maikel Franco.

The two had spent a combined 13 seasons with the Phillies, but a lack of production — especially last season — proved to be the last straw for management.

Hernandez, who once showed glimpses of developing into a viable lead-off bat, slashed .279/.333/.408 with 100 strikeouts last year.

Franco failed to meet his potential of becoming the next great third baseman in the National League. This past year was

his worst since his first full MLB season in 2015, batting .234 with 17 home runs in 123 games.

Showing them the door now leaves the Phillies with two notable vacancies within their infield heading into the 2020 season — which provides general manager Matt Klentak an opportunity to pillage the market for upgrades.

The Phillies have been linked with former Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius, who spent three of his five seasons in the Bronx working with new Phillies manager Joe Girardi.

The 29-year old has become one of the more well-rounded shortstops over the past four seasons.

He's a solid defensive shortstop, holding a career fielding percentage of .979, but it's his power that has put him over the top in recent years.

Since 2016, Gregorius is averaging 22 home runs per season — including 27 in 2018, which was a Yankees single-season record for a shortstop.

In just 82 games in



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2019, he still managed to hit 16 round-trippers despite some struggles at the plate.

Regardless, this is a left-handed bat that has put up a four-year OPS of .778.

Signing Gregorius would allow the Phillies to move Jean Segura to second base, a move he is open to, according to The Athletic's Matt Gelb.

Segura is coming off a disappointing first season with the Phillies, posting a .280 batting average that was his lowest since 2015.

That would still leave third base open for the time being. Granted, all the Phillies have to do is keep the hot corner warm for the impending arrival of top prospect Alec Bohm.

The 23-year old made

the jump to Double-A last season, where he posted a .844 OPS in 63 games with 14 home runs and 42 RBIs.

It is unclear whether or not he is ready to make the jump to the majors this season, but MLB Pipeline lists his estimated time of arrival at 2021.

If the Phillies believe he can make the jump sooner, then Scott Kingery

could be a stopgap at the position until Bohm is ready. Then he can make a move to center field to support Andrew McCutchen — who will be coming back from a torn ACL.

A prospective infield of Rhys Hoskins at first, Segura at second, Bohm at third and Gregorius at short is a considerable step up compared to 2019.

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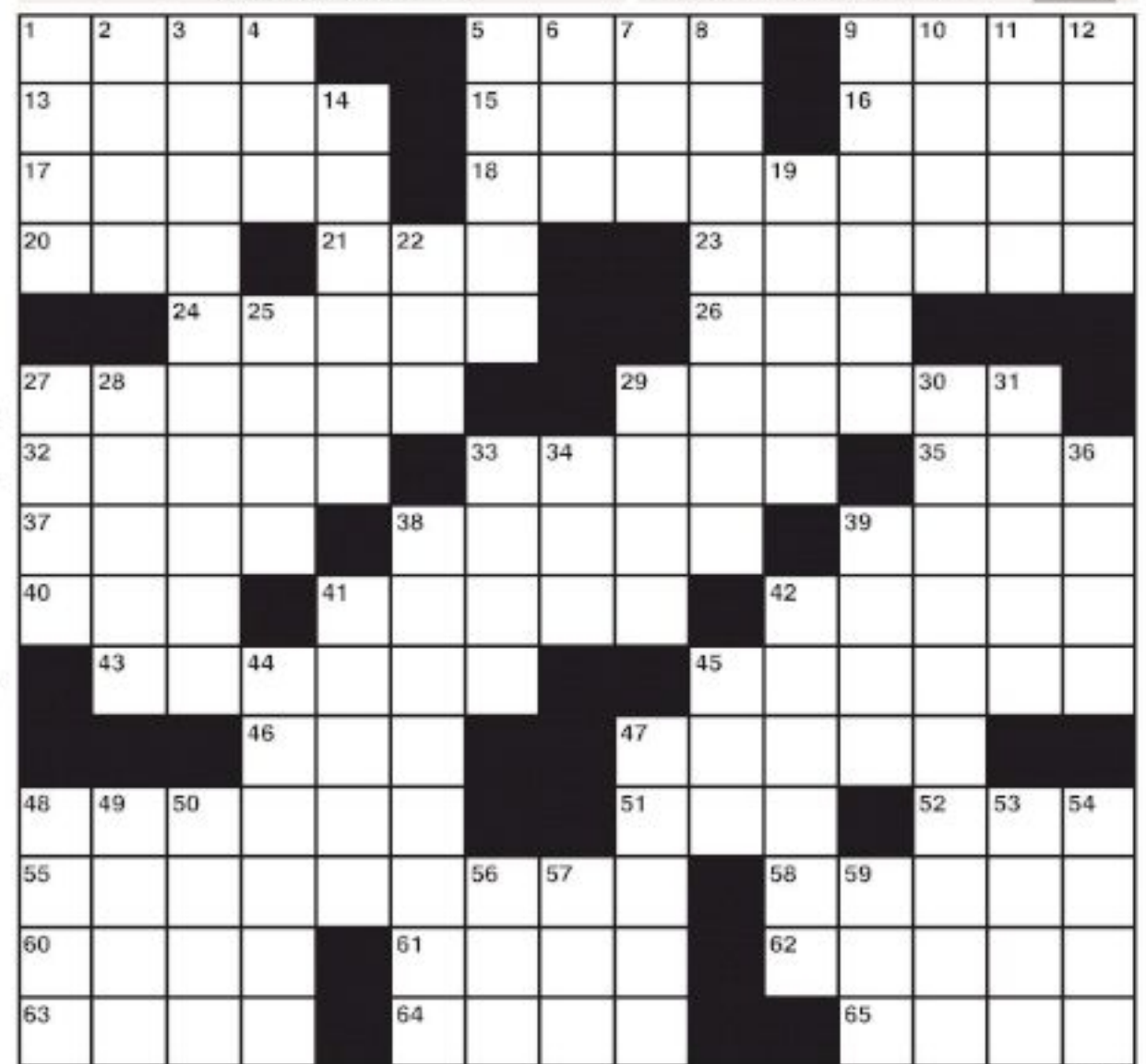
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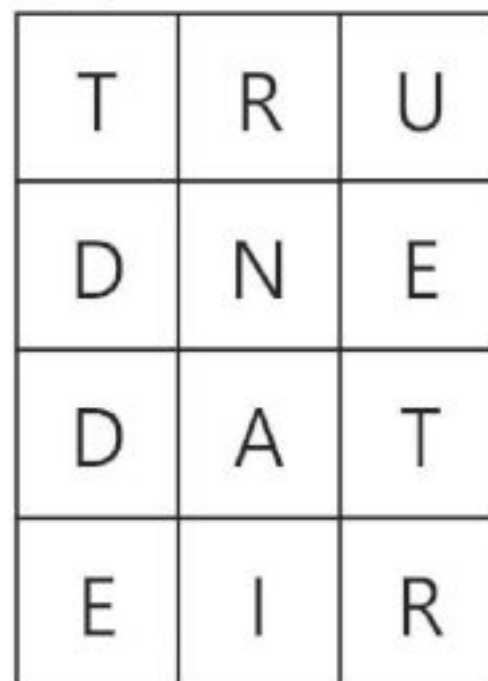


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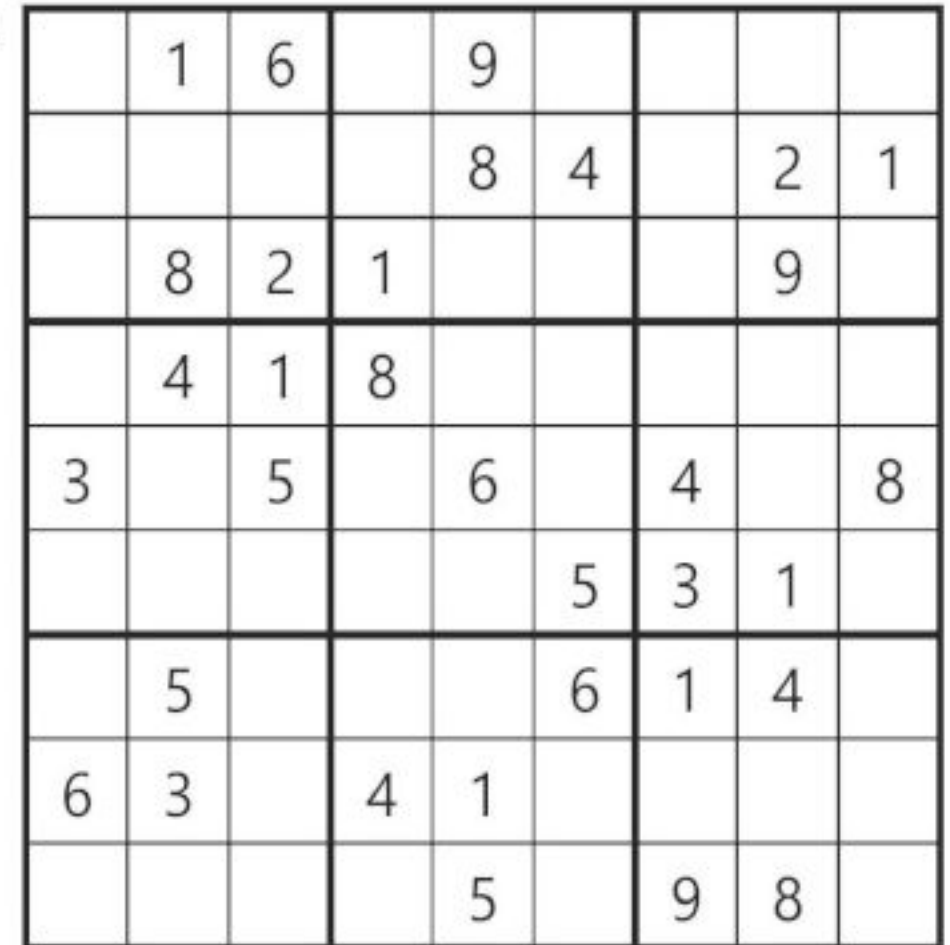
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